

**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION**

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This is a request for a  continuation  divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior international application Number PCT/US02/29469 filed on 16 September 2002 entitled Methods and Apparatus for Treating Intervertebral Discs which designated the United States.

Note: 37 CFR 1.53(d) cannot be used to file a continuation or divisional application of an international application which has not entered the national stage.

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1. Enclosed are the specification, claims and drawing(s).
2.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 or credit any overpayment of Deposit Account No. 50-0359. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4.  A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
5.  Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
6.  Application Data Sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76
7.  If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, *check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:*  
 Continuation  Divisional of prior PCT App. No.: PCT/US02/29469, filed 16 September 2002
8.  A declaration under CFR 1.63 is enclosed.
9.  Priority of foreign application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d).  a certified copy is enclosed.
10.  A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
11.  Also enclosed:

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated below, Express Mail Label No. ER164700065 and is addressed to: Box Patent Application, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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